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SRI R. KUPPUSWAMY :—" May I bring to the notice of the Hon. Minister that water tax is being collected from 1936 and ask whether the Government will execute the scheme as early as possible? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir, attempts will be made to execute this scheme early."

Talks of the Hon. Minister with textile mill-owners and workers of Coimbatore.

* 947 *Q.*—SRI R. KUPPUSWAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour called for a meeting of the textile mill-owners of Coimbatore and labour leaders of textile mill workers from 28th October 1952 onwards at Madras and discussed several matters regarding bonus, etc. ; and

(*b*) if so, the result of the meeting and full details of the talks?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) Several matters pertaining to the cordial relationship between the mill owners and the labourers were discussed and it would not be in public interest to give details of the talks and the results."

Dogs maintained by the Police department for investigation purposes.

* 948 *Q.*—SRI S. VEMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of dogs maintained by the Government in the City and the rural parts respectively for the use of the police for the investigation purposes?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" At present 5 dogs are being maintained by the Government in the City for police purposes. No dog is being maintained in the rural parts."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" What is the amount of expenditure that is incurred on each dog? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Rs. 1–13–0 per dog per day."

SRI S. VEMIAH :—" Who are looking after these dogs—whether police constables or servants specially appointed for this purpose? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Police constables are put in charge of these dogs."

SRI P. G. KARUTHIRUMAN :—" May I know, Sir, how many breeds of dogs there are and which among the several breeds of dogs is found to be most suitable for the purpose? "